

1 21. (New) A computing environment configured to process a trusted command,
2 comprising:
3 an untrusted environment to parse a trusted command; and
4 a trusted environment to receive the trusted command from the untrusted environment
5 and to communicate a representation of the trusted command.

1 22. (New) The computing environment of claim 21, wherein the trusted
2 environment executes the trusted command if the trusted environment detects confirmation of
3 the trusted command.

1 23. (New) The computing environment of claim 21, wherein the representation of
2 the trusted command is communicated through a trusted path.

1 24. (New) The computing environment of claim 23, wherein the trusted path is
2 between a user and the trust environment.

1 25. (New) The computing environment of claim 21, further comprising:
2 a user interface to communicate with the untrusted environment and the
3 trusted environment.

1 26. (New) A method of processing a trusted command, comprising the steps of:
2 parsing a trusted command in an untrusted mode of a system;
3 establishing a trusted mode of the system; and
4 communicating a representation of the trusted command in the trusted mode.

1 27. (New) The method of claim 26, further comprising the step of:
2 executing the trusted command in the trusted mode if confirmation of the trusted
3 command is detected.

1 28. (New) The method of claim 26, the communicating step comprising the step
2 of:
3 displaying a representation of the trusted command.

1 29. (New) A method of processing a trusted command, comprising the steps of:
2 interpreting a trusted command in an untrusted mode; and
3 executing the trusted command in a trusted mode.

1 30. (New) The method of claim 29, further comprising the step of:
2 communicating a representation of the trusted command in the trusted mode.

1 31. (New) The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of:
2 verifying the trusted command in the trusted mode after the communicating
3 step.

1 32. (New) The method of claim 31, the verifying step comprising the step of:
2 requesting confirmation of the trusted command in the trusted mode.

1 33. (New) The method of claim 29, further comprising the step of:
2 using the trusted command in the untrusted mode.

1 34. (New) The method of claim 29, further comprising the step of:
2 transitioning from the untrusted mode to the trusted mode.

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1 36. (New) The method of claim 35, further comprising the step of:
2 issuing a message to indicate a transition to the untrusted mode before the
3 transitioning step.

1 37. (New) The method of claim 29, further comprising the step of:
2 detecting if a command is a trusted command in an untrusted mode.

1 38. (New) A machine-executed method for executing a trusted command issued
2 by a user on a computing system including an untrusted computing environment and a trusted
3 computing environment, said method comprising the steps of:

4 (a) receiving user identification data in the trusted computing environment from
5 the user via a trusted path;

6 (b) receiving the trusted command from the user in the trusted computing
7 environment via an untrusted path;

8 (c) parsing the trusted command in the untrusted computing environment to
9 generate a parsed command;

10 (d) submitting the parsed command to the trusted computing environment;

11 (e) performing a security check on the parsed command and user identification
12 data in the trusted computing environment; and

13 (f) executing the trusted command in the trusted computing environment.

1 39. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein the security check enforces a security
2 criterion from the Department of Defense Trusted Computer System Evaluation Criteria
3 (Ref. No. DOD 5200.28-STD).

1 40. (New) A method including the steps of claim 38 and additionally including
2 the steps, executed after step (d) and before step (f) of claim 38, of:

3 (1) in the trusted environment, displaying a representation of the parsed command
4 to the user;

5 (2) receiving a signal from the user signifying whether the displayed
6 representation accurately represents the trusted command; and

7 (3) if the signal signifies that the displayed representation does not accurately
8 represent the trusted command, then preventing the performance of step (f) of claim 38.